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SUBJ: ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY: MPLA LEADER AGOSTINHO NETO HAS
REAFFIRMED OPPOSITION TO TALKS AMONG THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS;
CONFIRMED PLANS TO FORM AN MPLA GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE;
CALLED GOP RECOGNITION OF MPLA GOVERNMENT A PRECONDITION TO
FUTURE GOOD RELATIONS. MPLA REPRESENTATIVE IN LISBON TOLD
EMBOFF THAT CONTINUED US SUPPORT FOR "SUCCESSIONIST" MOVEMENTS
IN ANGOLA STOOD IN WAY OF GOOD POST-INDEPENDENCE RELATIONS WITH
MPLA. COOPERATION MINISTER CRESPO WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN HIS
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EFFORTS TO BRING WARRING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TOGETHER DURING

HIS OCT 23-26 VISIT TO ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

1. AGOSTINHO NETO INTERVIEW: OCT 25 ISSUE OF INDEPENDENT LIBERAL WEEKLY "EXPRESSO" CARRIED LON INTERVIEW WITH MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO, WHICH DR. ARMINIO FERREIRA, MPLA REPRESENTATIVE IN LISBON, DESCRIBED TO EMBOFF AS PRESENTING "DEFINITIVE POSITION" OF MPLA. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

--FNLA, UNITA CONDEMNED: "FNLA AND UNITA ARE NOTHING BUT VEHICLES FOR FOREIGN INTERESTS. THEY ARE PUPPET ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WORK, IN ONE CASE, FOR THE US AND FOR ZAIRE, AND IN THE OTHER FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND ALSO FOR THE US."

--NO FURTHER TALKS: PRE-INDEPENDENCE TALKS AMONG THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND PORTUGAL, AS PROPOSED BY GOP, ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION: THE ALVOR AGREEMENT HAS ENDED.

--FNLA AND UNITA "SECESSIONISTS": AFTER NOV 11 " THERE WILL NOT BE THREE REPUBLICS IN ANGOLA; THERE WILL BE ONE REPUBLIC WITH PARTS OF ITS TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY SECESSIONISTS."

--MPLA WILL FORM GOVERNMENT: THERE IS ONLY ONE AUTHORITY IN ANGOLA, AND THAT IS THE MPLA. "ONLY THE MPLA WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT, A RIGHT WHICH WE PLAN TO EXERCISE AFTER NOV 11."

--PORTUGUESE GRANT OF POWER IMMATERIAL: "WE ARE NOT GOING TO RECEIVE INDEPENDENCE ON A TRAY. WE CONQUERED THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS OF STRUGGLE...IT IS NOT PORTUGAL, THEN, WHICH WILL OFFER US THE INSTRUMENTS OF POWER. WE SHALL CREATE THEM."

--PORTUGAL MUST RECOGNIZE MPLA GOVERNMENT: PORTUGAL'S PROBLEM IS NOT ONE OF GRATING INDEPENDENCE BUT OF RECOGNITION OF THE NEW ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. IF PORTUGAL WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA IT WILL HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT.

--DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION: ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION "HAS NOT BEEN POSED TO OTHER COUNTRIES, I AM CERTAIN THAT WITHIN ONE OR TWO DAYS AFTER THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR INDEPENDENCE THERE WILL BE IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION ON THE PART OF SEVERAL."

--US POLICY: HARMONIOUS RELATONS CAN BE RESTORED IF THE US CEASES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE TWO "SECESSIONIST" MOVEMENTS. "EVERYTHING CAN BE HOPED FOR FROM THE US. WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE US IMPLY BECAUSE IT IS CALLED THE US, BUT WE ARE AGAINST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CERTAIN OF ITS ACTS."

2. TALKS WITH MPAL: IN OCT 24 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, MPLA ENVOY DR. ARMINIO FERREIRA SPOKE OF MPLA'S RESPECT FOR US AND ITS WISH TO ESTABLISH CLOSE POST-INDEPENDENCE RELATIONS. BUT IN ORDER FOR THIS TO OCCUR, FERREIRA SAID, US WOULD HAVE TO CEASE ITS SUPPORT FOR "SECESSIONIST" MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA.

3. CRESPO MISSION: THE OCT 23-26 VISIT TO ANGOLA BY COOPERATION MINISTER CDR VITOR CRESPO, WHO SOUGHT TO BRING TOGETHER THE THREE WARRING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO FROM A GOVERNMENT OF "NATIONAL UNITY" WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. UPON HIS RETURN TO LISBON, CFRESPO NOTED THAT THE SITUATION REMAINED AT AN IMPASSE, BUT THAT GOP ZREMAINED OPEN TO OTHER INTIATIVES" AND WOULD AWAIT THE "DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS TO REACH A CONCLUSION AS TO THE COURSE TO ADOPT IN ANGOLA."
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